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1. In 1939 the city of Beregovo (48° 13' N 22° 39' E) contained 22 thousand people, divided evenly among Hebrews, Catholics and Lutherans. During World War II all of the Hebrews were forced to leave Beregovo and in 1945 less than one hundred remained. The only asphalt highway in the area was the highway running from south to north through the town. The side streets otherwise were cobblestone and blocks and the roads outside of the city were gravelled. The highway bridge across the Verke River near the center of Beregovo was constructed of poured concrete.
2. In 1939 there were 16 taxis, three or four trucks, six private automobiles, four buses and two fire engine trucks in Beregovo. In December 1945 only two buses and the two fire engines remained. The Soviet soldiers had a few jeeps but these were only used by the high ranking officers. There were four gasoline stations in Beregovo, all on the main street.
3. The only hospital in Beregovo was located at Grid Coordinates 5847 - 7682 on Map: Beregszasz 37m 330 50308 50 163454-47. Here a new three-floored hospital was completed in 1938. It was a very modern building with square lines and many windows. There were over 200 beds in the building in private rooms and wards. Six doctors and ten internes were stationed here in 1945. The old hospital, (three buildings all of one-story) was located behind the new building. People with contagious maladies and the permanently disabled were bedded here. There was a total of about 25 doctors in Beregovo. There was little disease or illness, the most common cases being of typhus and what is now known as polio.
4. The only storm drainage was in the gutters of the streets. Sewage and garbage was thrown in barrels behind the homes or buried. There were many rats and flies.
5. There was no industry to speak of in Beregovo, most of the people being employed as small merchants. There were three brick yards near the railroad station. The power station was located at Grid Coordinates 5859 - 7662. About 75% of the homes had electricity. The people obtained their water from 15-ft wells.

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6. In 1939 the wealthier people in town were the Jews who were the bankers, directors, and large merchants. In 1945 all of these were gone and the wealthy class consisted of the doctors and lawyers. Doctor Linnert, a very fine surgeon, was the wealthiest man in town. He was a strong Catholic but he refused to have anything to do with politics.
7. Only about 30% of the families had radios in 1945. Telephones were installed only in the larger business places. Only the doctors and lawyers had bathtubs and everybody else had to pay to bathe in the public baths.
8. Practically all of the homes are one-story high, about half having hard metal roofs and the remainder wood shingles. Twenty per cent of the homes were built of brick, 10% of wood and 70% of mud.
9. The railroad running through town was maintained in excellent condition. There were six tracks in the depot and one track outside of town. About two or three locomotives were usually in the station undergoing minor repair or waiting to replace damaged locomotives. The depot was one story high and had two or three waiting rooms and a warehouse just north of the depot.
10. The suburbs around Beregovo all received their electrical power from the city. Population figures of suburbs of Beregovo as of December 1945 are as follows:

Dari,	Grid Coordinates	577 - 7730	Population	5000, farmers and fishermen
Halabor,	" "	5745 - 7705	"	about 1500
Baladl6	" "	5753 - 7675	"	1500
Nagybereg	" "	5895 - 7750	"	5000 mostly wealthy farmers and towns-people
Sarosoroszi	" "	582 - 7805	"	2500

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